

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 1-17 with the following:

Referring back to FIG. 5, this figure also illustrates fastening regions 80 and 82 defined by the adhesive bonding areas between successive plates. Fastening regions 80 and 82 are spaced apart proximate a middle of each side of segmented assembly 32 such as side 86. As appreciated by those skilled in the art, spaced apart fastening regions can be provided at other locations around the perimeter of segmented assembly 32. For instance, fastening regions can also be spaced apart proximate a corner 88 of the segmented assembly 32. Similar fastening regions are located around the perimeter of the structure formed by segments 32A-32G. The fastening regions 80 and 82 extend along the length of the bridge 10 (FIG. 9), thereby eliminating the need for additional fasteners such as bolts. As a result, the construction of the tubular section is simplified and manufacturing costs are reduced.